

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1889.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 28th day of February, 1889; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1889,	163,860	164,199	Rents Fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st Jan., 1889,	1,642	1,767
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	239		" in month of Feb., 1889,	125	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st January, 1889,	7,178	7,190	By Sub-Commissions to 31st Jan., 1889,	103,596	103,383
Do. in month of February, 1889,	12		" in month of Feb., 1889,	998	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1889,	24,025	24,127	Dismissed and struck out— By Chief Commission to 31st Jan., 1889,	1,489	1,491
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	102		" in month of Feb., 1889,	2	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Jan., 1889,	749	743	By Sub-Commissions to 31st Jan., 1889,	24,695	25,119
Do. in month of February, 1889,	3		" in month of Feb., 1889,	434	
Total,	—	196,259	Withdrawn— By Chief Commission to 31st Jan., 1889,	4,190	4,145
			" in month of Feb., 1889,	25	
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st Jan., 1889,	7,169	7,306
			" in month of Feb., 1889,	37	
			Total disposed of,	—	143,121

(b) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 35, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1889,	98,598
Do. do. in month of February, 1889,	949
Total,	99,547

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) : Applications received to 31st January, 1889,	978	984	Number disposed of to 31st Jan., 1889,	1,354
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	6			—
Miscellaneous Originating Notices— (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Jan., 1889,	36	36		
Do. in month of Feb., 1889,	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st January, 1889,	548	600		
Applications in month of Feb., 1889,	52			
Total,	—	1,610	Total disposed of,	1,356

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888, *	53	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st January, 1889,	18	19
		" in month of Feb., 1889,	1	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1889,	1	1
		" in month of Feb., 1889,	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 31st Jan., 1889,	—	—
		" in month of Feb., 1889,	—	
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	20

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1889,	6	7	Applications granted to 31st January, 1889,	—	—
" in month of Feb., 1889,	1		" in month of Feb., 1889,	—	
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Jan., 1889,	3	2	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1889,	—	—
" in month of Feb., 1889,	—		" in month of Feb., 1889,	—	
			Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1889,	—	—
			" in month of Feb., 1889,	—	
Total,	—	9	Total disposed of,	—	—

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1889,	2,725	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1889,	1,391	
" in February, 1889,	24	" in February, 1889,	—	1,391
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1889,	166	
		" in February, 1889,	—	166
Total,	2,749	Total disposed of	—	1,557

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Jan., 1889,	25,976	Number heard to 31st Jan., 1889,	10,590	
" in month of Feb., 1889,	309	" in month of Feb., 1889,	* 177	10,567
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1889,	† 1,054	
		" in month of Feb., 1889,	13	
			1,067	
		Deduct cases related to February, 1889,	239	828
		Number withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1889,	11,735	
		" in month of Feb., 1889,	59	11,779
		Total Number disposed of,	—	23,167
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	7,118
Total,	30,285	Total,		50,235

* The full number of Appeals decided by Courts in February, &c.

† In 438 cases the notices were struck out because wages were not lodged, as required by Rule 74, and in 433 cases because the notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 57 cases, and of the latter 182 cases, were re-released.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1889,	15,106	£ 6,363,337
" in February, 1889,	218	74,501
	15,323	6,437,838
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1889,	12,209	5,123,564
" in February, 1889,	101	62,735
	12,370	5,186,299
Loans issued to 31st January, 1889,	8,283	5,798,065
" in February, 1889,	213	80,760
	8,496	5,878,825

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1889.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 28th day of February, 1889.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1889,	21,038	21,196	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1889,	9,866	10,199
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	160		" in month of Feb., 1889,	213	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st January, 1889,	2,058	2,123	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1889,	2,199	2,231
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	65		" in month of February, 1889,	32	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Jan., 1889,	985	988	Applications withdrawn* to 31st Jan., 1889,	248	255
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	13		" in month of February, 1889,	7	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1889,	7,916	7,933
			" in month of February, 1889,	15	
Total,	—	24,319	Total disposed of,	—	20,616

(b) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1889,	5,070
Do, do, in month of February, 1889,	14
Total,	5,084

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):	351	Number disposed of to 31st January, 1889,	129	142
Applications received to 31st January, 1889,		" in month of Feb., 1889,	30	
Applications received in month of February, 1889,	2	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1889,	26	26
		Transferred in month of Feb., 1889,	—	
Total,	353	Total disposed of,	—	168

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1889,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	3	
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	—	3
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . .	—	3

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1889.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	13	Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	—	
" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	1	" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1889, . . .	2	
		" in month of Feb., 1889, . . .	—	
Total, . . .	13	Total disposed of, . . .	—	2

Irish Land Commission, }
11th March, 1889. }

J. H. FRANKS.